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Montana Medicaid Notice

Dentists, Denturists and Dental Hygienists

Dental Rates and Claim Forms

Beginning October 1, 2007, dental, oral surgeon, and dental hygienist provider reimbursement rates have increased. The new fee schedule is posted at www.mtmedicaid.org.

The most notable changes to the fee schedule are:

- A rate increase bringing Medicaid reimbursement up to 85 percent of billed charges in the aggregate.
- Child and adult rates have been combined into one rate.
- Expanded coverage is now available for procedure codes D2751, D2781 and D2791 (porcelain fused to base metal crowns) for anterior or posterior teeth following approval through the prior authorization process. These codes are open to children and adults on FULL Medicaid and adults approved under the Essential for Employment program. Crown code D2750 (porcelain with high noble metal) is now allowed for children under 21 years of age for posterior teeth with prior authorization. For D2750, the prior authorization request must show a definitive medical need for a high noble metal versus porcelain fused to base metal crown. For D2751, D2781 and D2791, the prior authorization request must show a definitive medical need for porcelain fused to base metal crown versus pre-fabricated stainless steel crown.

Dental Claim Forms:

Beginning April 1, 2008, providers submitting claims on paper will be required to use an ADA dental claim form with a copyright date of 2006 or later. This will standardize claim information so the Department can utilize ACS's optical character recognition system to process dental claims. This requirement is intended to increase paper claim processing efficiency.

The Department encourages providers who bill on paper to consider changing to an electronic method of claims submission. Please visit the "Electronic Billing" section of www.mtmedicaid.org for details and contact Provider Relations if you need further assistance.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Jan Paulsen, Dental Program Officer, at (406) 444-3182 or ACS Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958
Helena: (406) 442-1837

Visit the Provider Information website:

<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>